

Commissioners' Journal
January 11, 2022

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.

It is declared and determined that all formal actions of the Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of all resolutions that were adopted in this meeting, and that all deliberations of the Board of County Commissioners that resulted in such formal action were open to the public and were in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The President of the Board, James W. Dvorak opened the meeting at 9:36 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

*Dear Jesus,
I thank you for today
I thank you for previous days,
You never forsake me
You are so gracious to me and have shown me your mercy
That I'm alive is not by my power but by yours, Lord, for that,
I say thank you!
Amen*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the Commissioners miscellaneous transfer out account to the Auditor in the Financial Admin Accounting account to allow funds to pay increased State Audit charges for 2021, a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Public Assistance for our January – March 2022 mandated share; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Court Technology for a portion of their 2022 funding plus \$39,750.00 approved equipment purchases for this year; a payment for the Commissioner's Office to ThenDesign Architecture LTD for services related to the new County Office Building in the amount of \$23,507.04, a payment to the Engineer's Office to CWS, Incorporated for a FiNN T60 Hydroseed trailer in the amount of \$36,144.65, and a payment for Water Resources to Junction Auto Sales for a new 2021 model year Dodge Ram 1500 truck in the amount of \$32,056.00; and Revenue Certifications for Common Pleas in their Court Technology and Presentence Investigation funds and from Water Resources in their Bainbridge Water Project fund for monies not previously budgeted for in 2022.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-005 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 11, 2022.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – DISTRIBUTE BALANCE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUND TO WOMENSAFE FOR 2021 YEAR

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to request the County Auditor distribute the balance in the Domestic Violence Fund (2070) to Womensafe, the local agency designated by the Commissioners to receive such monies. This allocation is to be paid pursuant to Section 3113.34 of the O.R.C. for the 2021 year, in the amount of \$12,796.97.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES 2021 COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATE

Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt asked the Board to approve the County Highway System Mileage Certification for 2021, there has been no changes. The recent road vacations do not affect this, as they have not been included.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Technical Services 2021 County Highway System Mileage Certification for 234.757 miles of public roads.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AUTHORIZE TIMOTHY C. LENNON, EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST #2 AND FINAL – BUTTERNUT ROAD RESURFACING

Mr. Haupt asked the Board to approve Mr. Lennon to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission disbursement request and final for the Butternut Road resurfacing.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize Timothy C. Lennon, Board member and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #2, Final in order to release funds from the state portion of our OPWC grant for the Butternut Road Resurfacing (Sections D-E) in Munson and Newbury Townships in the amount of \$52,128.08.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – PATRICIA J SCHRAFF, ESQ OF SCHRAFF THOMAS LLC

Director Jessica Boalt asked the Board to approve the legal services agreement with Schraff Thomas to assist seniors. Ms. Boalt noted that Western Reserve Area Agency goes out for an RFP for a reduced rate and then the Agency pays a portion of the hourly rate.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Legal Services Agreement with Patricia J. Schraff, Esq of Schraff Thomas LLC for legal services that include counsel, advise and representation of clients that are Geauga County residents age 60 and over for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$125.00 per hour (\$101.03 paid by the Department on Aging and \$23.97 per hour paid by the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging) for up to seven hundred and ninety-eight (798) hours per year.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – PERMIT USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS FOR YEAR 2022

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the application for credit card use for this year.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Authorization to Permit the Use of County Credit Cards, O.R.C. 301.27, for the Year 2022 for a PNC Giant Eagle card and Geauga Credit Union Visa in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 per month per card for Roger Peterson, Judith Oberstar, Thomas Vencl and Michael Rice.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

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TRANSIT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECTION 5311 RURAL TRANSIT PROGRAM CY2022 SUBGRANT AGREEMENT

Director JoAnna Santilli asked the Board to execute the subgrant agreement for the Rural Transit grant for Operating and Capitalized Maintenance for this year's grant funding and then authorize her to submit the agreement electronically.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Section 5311 Rural Transit Program CY2022 Grant Program Year Subaward Grant Agreement (#OH-2020-005) in the amount of \$801,001.00, Federal Funds for Operating Expenses in the amount of \$610,839.00 and Federal Funds for Capitalized Maintenance Expenses in the amount of \$190,162.00 for the grant period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and further authorize the Transit Director to electronically submit the Agreement to ODOT.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE – VOTING AT CCAO IN 2022

Mr. Morgan explained that this is the annual request to appoint the voting member and alternate for any CCAO meetings during the year. Mr. Lennon expressed that he would be the representative and Mr. Dvorak as alternate.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-006 to Designate the Official Representative and Alternate for the purpose of voting at meetings of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) in 2022.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: January 11, 2022
Resolution: #22-006

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2022

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Timothy C. Lennon, Vice President is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Geauga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that James W. Dvorak, President is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Geauga County.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PARTIAL PAYMENT REQUEST #14 – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the Partial Payment Request #14 for Donley's for the new building.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Partial Payment Request #14 for Donley's Independence LLC for the new County Office Building, GMP #1 and #2 in the amount of \$1,535,293.97.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT KENNETH C. BURNETT – ALTERNATE FOR JAMES W. DVORAK – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Dvorak asked the Board to appoint Mr. Burnett for the policy committee as his previous alternate Jonathan Tiber is unable to attend meetings due to changes with his job.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to appoint Kenneth C. Burnett, Burton Township Trustee as Alternate for James W. Dvorak on the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee for 2022.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

NOACA

Clerk Christine Blair explained that this was the last opportunity to make any changes to committee appointments for NOACA, two positions have little to no attendance. Mr. Oros vacant seat was filled with Mr. Mazzurco. The Board made no changes at this time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of December, 2021.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending December 29, 2021 and January 5, 2022 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Inmate meals for the month ending December, 2021.*
- d) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Prisoner Transport for the month ending December, 2021 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- e) Ohio Department of Agriculture, Office of Farmland Preservation, 2021 Annual Monitoring Reports for the Binnig, Anna and O'Reilly properties*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 1/11 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. at the 470 Center Street, Building #8 meeting room

Wed., 1/12 Geauga County Township Association Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Punderson Manor

Mon., 1/17 County offices will be closed for general business due to Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.

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Thu., 1/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Fri., 1/20 NOACA Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland

Mon., 1/24 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices

Tue., 1/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Brief discussions with audience members regarding progress on the new building, noting no delays with materials and on the next Phase, referred to as Phase II, and where they are in the contract process and how much does it have to do with the City of Chardon. Mr. Morgan explained that Phase II was always part of the plan, with the existing facilities in Chardon, the offices that have to remain in the City, the county seat, and not part of the lawsuit with the City. There are other projects, including the senior center and renovations for the Youth Center. NV5 and TDA (ThenDesign Architecture) were chosen as Owners Representative and Architect but contracts are still under negotiation.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

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James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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